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Barre resident tells of her issue with cable hookup

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – A resident called into the virtual selectmen's meeting to explain her issue with trying to get cable hookup.

She said she lives on a dead end road and was the last house on the road. Her neighbors all have cable, but her house was not built when the cable company ran the lines.

She said Spectrum would hook up the line to her home at no cost. She said in her case, National Grid was the roadblock to her getting cable to her home. She said National Grid said the pole on her property needed an upgrade because it would not hold the weight of the cable. It would cost her \$3,000 for the new pole and said, "It's a huge roadblock." She said her pole was the newest one on the street, put

in 26 years ago and was a regular size pole like the ones on the street, which contain the cable wires. Selectman chair Greg O'Sullivan said the board was waiting to hear back from National Grid if the town had the right to run cable on poles, located on the town right of way.

During discussion on the matter earlier in the March 1 meeting, selectman vice-chair Matthew

Urban said he heard from other residents about being charged a \$3,000 pole fee and the cost stopped them from connecting. Sullivan said the town's first priority was to get cable wires on the ten to 11 roads in town without it.

Joshua Smith of the Cable Access Committee joined the meeting. He said at the last contract negotiation the town hired a lawyer, who specialized in this.

The town's lawyer worked with Spectrum's lawyer. Smith said the only thing the cable was willing to negotiate with the town was the PEG fee because the money came from the subscribers not the cable company.

The town's contract would be up in 2024. Smith said if the board of selectmen wanted to take over contract negotiations from the cable access committee go ahead.

Selectman Urban said possibly the town should ask the assessors during its cyclical valuation to include information if they had cable and were hooked up. He also said he would like to know the percentage of subscribers and non-subscribers in town.

COVID update

Town administrator Jessica

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Barre Lions receive 'Club Excellence Award'

BARRE – Last week, the Barre Lions Club was represented at the 61st Annual District 33A Mid-Winter Conference.

Due to the continuation of the health crisis and state and local restrictions, the conference was held "virtually" using Zoom. Over the course of two days, between 100 and 150 participants representing more than two dozen Lions clubs from Central Massachusetts were in attendance. District Governor Denise Andrews stressed the importance of continuing the mission of Lionism, which attempts to make the world a better place for everyone. Most people know that Lions have a reputation for working with sight-related issues and with the blind, but are unaware of Lions' efforts working with hearing concerns, diabetes, hunger and disaster relief.

The Mid-Winter Conference is a great way for Lions Clubs in Central Massachusetts to get together; to share ideas and to report on their



Shown at the Nov. 2020 meeting: Jean Alman, District Governor Denise Andrews, Tim Mara, District Secretary/Treasurer Curt Jameson and BLC President Joe Petracone.

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This pre-pandemic photo shows PDG Colleen Oncay, Jean Alman, District Governor Denise Andrews and Barry Alman.



New Barre Lions Club members are sworn in from left, Sue Clark, Steve Clark, PDG Jeannette MacIntosh and Geoff Yaglou.

Selectmen addresses parking concerns

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman Jason Petraitis said at the board's March 2 meeting they heard several complaints regarding traffic on Main Street and North Main Street at the Planning Board's proposed gas station hearing.

Petraitis said the issue of delivery trucks parking on the road and impeding traffic at the proposed business was a big concern to many. Petraitis said the delivery trucks will be parking off-street to make their deliveries. He said another issue is the current delivery situations at the package store, convenience store and other places on the street. He said the parking behind those buildings is privately owned.

Petraitis said those business owners would need to make arrangements with the private

owner to have deliveries occur behind the buildings. He said on-street deliveries are sometimes the only way deliveries can occur in places with limited space. Petraitis said people who work in those buildings often use the storefront parking instead of municipal parking lots. He said they might need to enforce the two-hour limit for business parking.

Board of Selectmen Clerk John Tripp said Maple Street, at the corner of North Main Street, has space that could be create an "unloading zone" for large trucks to park and make deliveries. Tripp said one delivery truck will fit there, and the stores could coordinate their delivery schedules.

He said the convenience store already uses Maple Street as an unloading area. Petraitis and Kiley agreed that an unloading

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Town clerk lists voter registration deadline

BARRE – The last day and time to register to vote for the Monday, April 5 Annual Town Election will be p.m. on Tuesday, March 16. Questions pertaining to voter registration can be directed to the Barre Town Clerk at 978-355-2504, extension 5.

Residents can register to vote

in person at the Town Clerk's Office located at 40 West St. or online at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/.

Any wishing to apply for an Absentee Ballot should contact the Town Clerk's Office for application instructions or visit www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleabsentee.

Interim to fill in for Hubbardston town administrator

HUBBARDSTON – Ryan McLane, town administrator, will be deployed overseas for one-year. He said, "I would like to thank the Hubbardston residents, Select Board and town staff for wishing me well in anticipation of my year-long overseas deployment. There are many towns, who say they support the troops. It's nice to work in one where they truly do."

While McLane is deployed, David Nixon will be interim town administrator. Nixon recently retired after 15 years as the town administrator in Hadley. McLane said, "He has a tremendous amount of experience with small-town governance, financial planning and staff management. He has been working with me for the last couple weeks to make sure there is a smooth transition."

McLane said, "This is a tremendous town with a great energy, motivated volunteers and a dedicated staff. We have hired some of the best department heads around and I look forward to seeing them continue to make Hubbardston a little town that does big things. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I will see you all very soon."



Urban tree canopy takes root

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE – In 2019, the East Quabbin Land Trust in partnership with Opacum Land Trust, the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, The U.S. Forest Service, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the town of Ware, was able to secure a grant that would allow the planting of 1,000 trees in urban areas of Ware.

EQLT Executive Director Cynthia Henshaw said their primary focus is on the downtown area of Ware. "Trees have so many benefits on so many levels. The priority is to plant the trees where they are needed the most," said Henshaw. The planting of 1,000 trees in Ware will add approximately 10 acres of tree canopy to the town when the trees reach maturity.

Ware's portion of the grant is part of a \$252,000 grant from



EQLT volunteers are shown in October of 2019 planting trees at Grenville Park.

the U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration program to plant 1,000 trees each in Southbridge and Ware. As EQLT is doing for the town of Ware with tree planting, Opacum Land Trust will do the same with the town of Southbridge. The work began in

the fall of 2019, and will continue for a three-year period into 2022.

Volunteers and EQLT members began planting trees in October of 2019 at Grenville Park. They were able to successfully plant 22 native trees, including red maples, before the weather changed and the pandemic hit. Working in

small groups in 2020, they planted nine trees at Highland Village, in addition to private residences.

While Henshaw said there is no minimum space requirement to plant trees, the trees need to be at least five feet away from underground wires and gas lines, and overhead lines need to be considered as the tree grows. "The goal is to plant the right tree for the space. If there's plenty of space, things like oaks and maples would be a top choice. There are also different varieties ideal for small spaces. The goal is to provide a lot of canopy," said Henshaw. The trees also need to be planted with visibility from the public way.

Henshaw said this year their tree planting would begin mid-

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News of the Towns



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Food pantry to hold distribution

The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur Thursday, March 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry either in the morning on Wednesday or in the evening on Thursday, whichever is the more convenient for them.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 virus to which no one has immunity. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions. As they have since last spring's distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients, March 18 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

Post 2 corned beef supper

American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Road, will be hosting a corned beef and cabbage supper Saturday, March 13 from 5-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and only 70 tickets will be sold. There is no seating available, all meals will be delivered to people's cars. People should call 978-355-2730 to reserve tickets. Ham will be available.

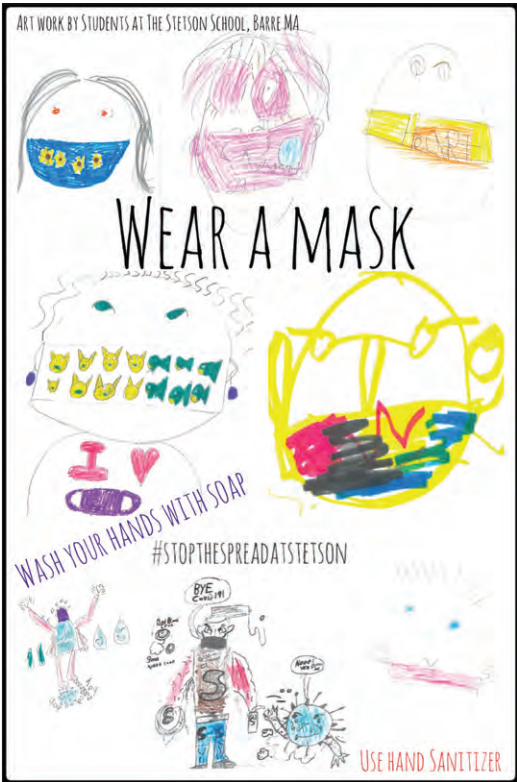
Small fruit production workshop

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Student artwork highlights COVID protocols

Turley Publications Courtesy Poster

The art teacher at Stetson School submitted this poster about staying safe and wearing masks drawn by students at Stetson School in Barre.



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Based on the success of distributions so far, the Barre Food Pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

With all volunteers and clients now wearing masks in public,

the volunteers hope that everyone will still hear the smiles in their voices.

While the pantry typically used to have an "all hands on deck" approach to welcoming volunteers, in March they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups.

Please do not arrive to volunteer on March 10 or 18 without first contacting Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

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Dog licenses due March 31

Under state and local laws, all dogs 6 months or older must be licensed with the town and have a valid rabies vaccination on file. Gardner Animal Control will be holding a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 14. Rain date is Saturday, March 21. Dogs not licensed by May 1 will be charged a \$25 late fee. Due to COVID-19 and offices currently being closed to the public, people may renew dog licenses by mail, by drop box, in person by appointment or online by clicking the following link: <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>. Dogs not licensed by June 1 are subject to a \$50 citation issued by Animal Control in addition to the license fee and \$25 late fee. Citations must be paid by mail or in person and cannot be paid online. Any unpaid citations will be forwarded to Gardner District Court. Dog fee's are as follows: (\$1 will be added to online dog renewals for online fees) spayed/neutered \$10 and male/female \$15. For Residents with a collection of more than 4 dogs kept for any purpose a Special Permit is required from the Planning Board. For more information pertaining to Kennel Licenses, people may contact the Planning Board directly at 978-928-1400 extension 209 or at inspect@hubbardstonma.us. Residents with any questions or concerns regarding dog licenses may contact the town clerks office at 978-928-1400, extension 202 at clerk@hubbardstonma.us.

Country Hen scholarship

The 2021 Country Hen Scholarship forms will be due May. 1. Hubbardston students are eligible to apply for the scholarship funded by Country Hen.

Senior center

The Hubbardston Senior Center will be closed until April. At that point, the Council on Aging will review how things are going with the virus and plan accordingly. A council member will be checking the phone lines two or three times a week. The director, Claudia Provencal will be checking emails and Facebook every day. The drive through food and eggs will still be in place on Thursday mornings. Masks will be in place properly and distancing will be followed.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of March 15.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, cookie, whole wheat bread

TUES. – Pork rib-i-que, mac n cheese, roasted California vegetables, cold cinnamon pears, sandwich roll

WED. – Corned beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage and carrots, vanilla mousse, corn muffin

THURS. – Chicken cacciatore, gemelli pasta, peas, fresh orange, whole wheat bread

FRI. – Fish with crumb topping, lemon seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, fruit ambrosia, marble rye bread

*Diabetic friendly dessert

**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes meals and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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Cannabis Cultivation Facility

High Hawk Farm, LLC is dedicated to hiring a staff of local residents who have a passion for their community. Currently our cultivation facility is looking for candidates to fill roles in the cultivation of cannabis with opportunities to grow within the company. Those with strong attention to detail, and a desire to become part of this growing industry are encouraged to apply.
High Hawk Farm, LLC is not only a cannabis cultivation facility we also have plans to expand to into the retail and manufacturing markets.

The company urges any person interested in applying to ATTEND the job fair to be held at
450 South Barre Road in Barre, Massachusetts on Monday, March 22nd 7pm-8pm.

News of the Towns

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.

BARRE

Planning Board – March 11 at 6 p.m. and March 16 at 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – March 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Assessors – March 16 at 6 p.m.
Sewer Commission – March 18 at 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – March 24 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – March 25 at 11 a.m.
Barre Housing Authority – April 1 at 3 p.m.
Election Day – April 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Historical Commission – April 5 at 7 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – April 7 at 1 p.m.
Board of Health – April 12 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – April 12 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – April 12 at 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – April 13 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Gilbertville Public Library – March 12 at 4 p.m.
Personnel Committee – March 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Water District – March 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – March 16 and March 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Recycling Commission – March 16 and April 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall Advisory Committee – March 18 at 7 p.m.
Finance Committee – March 22 at 5:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – March 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – April 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – April 1 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – April 12 at 6 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Council on Aging – March 12 at 10 a.m.
Select Board – March 15, March 29, April 12 and April 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Center Committee – March 18 at 7 p.m.
Economic Development Committee Meet and Greet – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space Committee – March 30 and April 27 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – April 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Historical Commission – April 3 at 10 a.m.
Conservation Commission – April 6 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

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Selectboard – March 12 at 4 p.m.
Conservation Commission – March 16 at 5:30 p.m. and April 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health – March 18 and April 1 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – March 18 at 7 p.m.
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – March 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Petersham School Committee – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – March 25 at 7 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

RUTLAND

Finance Committee – March 11 at 6 p.m.
Ad Hoc By-law Committee – March 16 at 1 p.m.

‘Spring’ into wellness with Listening

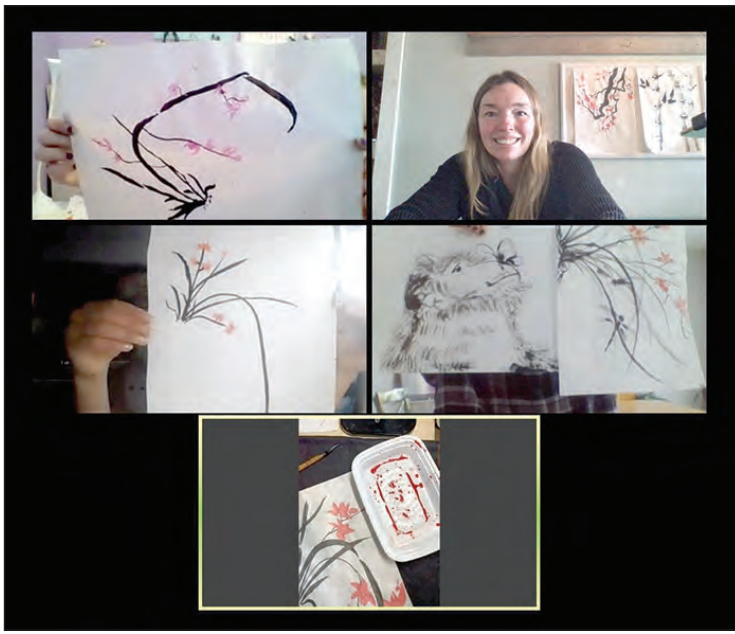
Virtual enrichment classes for youth begin March 22

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

BARRE – Listening Wellness Center, 35 South Street, is offering up its latest round of virtual enrichment classes, designed mostly for children ages 5-12. Classes range from art, to music and songwriting, to cooking, and to mindfulness. The instructors teaching the Spring 2021 Enrichment Program for Kids have been providing the virtual classes for Listening since they moved to a virtual platform after the pandemic hit. Registration is required for the enrichment program and an adult should be present during classes but try to remain as “hands-off” as possible. Scholarships are available for local students thanks to a generous grant from the Barre Savings Charitable Foundation.

Jen Swan, a Barre artist, will be offering “Animal Studies: 2D to 3D,” on Mondays for 8-weeks, March 22 to May 17 (with no class on April 19) from 3:45-4:30 p.m. This class is for children ages 6-12 and the cost is \$64. Students will “explore how to draw animals with realistic details and proportions.” Swan said, “Working large scale, we will learn how to portray fur, feathers and scales as you draw your favorite animals in new and exciting ways. Then, learn how to sculpt your favorite animals in self-hardening clay. From building form to adding textures details and color, let’s create some fun and imaginative animal art.”

Musician Cassie Kollman is offering two classes, the first being “Music Exploration Ensemble at Home” on Tuesdays for 4 weeks, March 23, 30, April 6 and 13 from 4:45-5:15 p.m. This class is for children ages 5-12 and the cost is \$32. Kollman said students will “learn about the fundamentals of making music, including rhythm, pitch, form, and improvisation. In each class we will learn a new musical concept, practice and play together,



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo
Artist Jen Swan admires the paintings her students created during a Zoom art class offered through Listening Wellness Center.

and share virtual creative space. No music experience required, come ready to sing, play, and move.”

Kollman’s second class is “Youth Songwriting” on Tuesdays for 4 weeks, March 23, 30, April 6 and 13 from 5:30-6:15 p.m. The class is for children ages 9-14 and the cost is \$32. She said “In this class we will learn about the basics of songwriting together, working individually on our own project and collectively on examples together to learn the different elements of song construction. Participants will learn about musical form, simple chord progressions, and lyric composition. Students will prepare a song of their own outside of class and will come together to workshop the piece. It is not required to play an instrument or have previous music experience, students will be supported to write short song at whatever musical level they are currently at, and provided accompaniment if they do not have access to an instrument.”

Kathy Carmosino will get creative in the kitchen using various recipes and a muffin tin with “Muffin Tin Magic,” on Wednesdays for 4 weeks, March 24, 31, April 7 and 14 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. The class is for children ages 6-12 and the cost is \$32. Carmosino said “each

week together we will prepare a recipe to bake in a muffin tin. From snacks to lunch or dinner recipes, muffin tins aren’t just for breakfast anymore. Fun, easy recipes will teach technique and kitchen safety along the way.”

Jen Zehler continues to offer a free mindfulness program, “Mindfulness, Nature & Art” thanks to the support by the benefactors of the non-profit Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality, on Fridays for 6 weeks, March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 30 and May 7 (with no class on April 23). The class has three different age groups: pre-k and kindergarten from 3-3:30 p.m., grades 1-3 from 3:45-4:15 p.m. and grades 4-6 from 4:30-5 p.m. Zehler said, “All around us, nature is working wonders. Every day, hour by hour, magical transformations happen right in front of you. But it’s not always easy to see them. In this mindfulness series we will pause and explore moments in nature to watch them in detail and see what you find when you take the time to slow down.”

For more information about the Spring 2021 Enrichment Program for Kids or scholarship opportunities, people may visit www.listeningwellness.org, find them on Facebook, email listeningwellnesscenter@gmail.com or call 978-355-3501.

Oakham

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COA to offer grab and go kits

The Council on Aging with Bemis Farms will offer grab and go kits for seniors to make at home. The fee is \$5. Kits offered include a colorful Easter basket in late March, a spring bow in late April, a culinary herb garden in mid to late May, a summer porch pot in June and a succulent bird cage in July. People should call Lucy at 508-882-3358 to reserve a kit on or before the 15th of the month of the project. The deadline for the Easter basket is March 15. Seniors may view the completed kits at the Bemis Farm website.

Mask sales

Tabby Tashjian’s mask store, Stony Bridge Farm, 1148 Turnpike Road, will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. She is donating all proceeds from the sale of her masks to Bay State Equine Rescue. There are many colors and sizes to choose. There are cotton cloth non-medical facemasks in pre-school, child, large child/small adult and adult sizes with pleated and adjustable ear styles. Masks are individually packaged and labeled for convenient, self-serve shopping and purchase in the garage. Cost is \$5 each; two for \$8; four for \$15 and six for \$20. She will have, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter and Springtime masks.

Church in person services

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, resumed in person services Sunday, March 7 at 10 a.m. Sunday School will resume Sunday, March 14 at 10 a.m. and is held in Fellowship Hall.

People must wear masks and practice social distancing.

St. Joseph’s Cemetery sets March 15 for decoration removal

BARRE – St. Joseph’s Cemetery, South Barre Road, will be starting spring clean up. All winter baskets and decorations must be removed by Monday, March 15 to facilitate spring clean-up. All remaining items will be discarded.

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Genealogical society holds Zoom meeting

Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, Inc. will host a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 23. People may visit www.cmgsso.org or find them on Facebook for information about how to join their meeting on Zoom.

The topic is “Immigration Basics” by Seema-Jane Kenney, Kenney is a wife, mother of three and entrepreneur. She is also an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Based on over 20 years of research, her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany and Sweden. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University, has completed ProGen and is an active member of several societies and part of the NERGC 2021 planning committee. Seema is also certified as a Guided Autobiography Consultant and a Legacy Planner.

Please consider joining the group, there are many more opportunities other than the monthly meetings. Membership is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple per year (January-December). Memberships can be mailed to CMGS, P.O. Box 811, Westminster, MA 01473. Visitors are always welcome at their meetings.

Congregational church plans drive thru roast pork dinner

BARRE – The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will offer a drive thru roast pork dinner on Saturday, March 27. Pick up time is 5-5:30 p.m. Adults are \$12 and children under 12 are \$5. For reservations, people may call Lisa

Holloway at 978-355-0140.

The Supper Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, who has supported their drive thru dinners. The committee hopes to continue this until it is safe for all to be together again inside.

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Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

About working while collecting early Social Security benefits

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I will be 65 in August of this year. If I start drawing Social Security on my 65th birthday, how will my Social Security check be affected if I continue working at my full-time job, and take home \$1,380 every two weeks, until I reach my full retirement age?Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: Social Security has an “earnings test” which applies to anyone who collects benefits before they have reached their full retirement age, or FRA. There is also a “first-year rule,” which applies when someone claims benefits mid-year, prior to their full retirement age. The first-year rule says that if you exceed a monthly limit you aren’t entitled to benefits for that month, and that applies for each remaining month in the first year, after your benefits start. Then, starting in 2022, you’ll be subject to an annual earnings limit. Since you will reach your full retirement age in 2022, your annual limit that year will be a bit more than the 2021 FRA-year limit of \$50,520 (the earnings limits change annually).

If you claim Social Security to start in August when you are 65, for the remainder of 2021 you’ll be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1,580. And if your gross earnings for each remaining month in 2021 are more than that, and yours would be, then you won’t be entitled to Social Security benefits for the remaining months of 2021. For clarity, you would also have the option to request that the annual limit (\$18,960 for 2021) be used instead of the monthly limit, but at your earnings level you would still be required to repay all of your 2021 benefits, using the annual limit would require you to repay \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit.

When you file your income taxes next year, Social Security will discover you exceeded the 2021 earnings limit and require you to repay all benefits received in 2021. By “repay,” I mean they will give you an option to repay everything they paid you in 2021 in a lump sum, or they will withhold future benefits until they recover what you owe because you exceeded the monthly limit. Alternatively, you could request a less severe repayment plan, but you would need to negotiate that directly with Social Security.

Essentially, if you plan to continue working full time in 2021, it may be wise to simply delay claiming your Social Security for a while, because you will end up needing to return any benefits paid in 2021. You could still claim in August and then inform them you will exceed the limit; in which case they will simply withhold your benefits. But in any case, you won’t be eligible for Social Security benefits in 2021 at the earnings level you shared.

As explained above, your 2022 earnings limit will be more than the 2021 limit of \$50,520 for those achieving FRA, and if you claim benefits to start in January 2022 that higher annual limit would apply. If you’re still working full time at the same earnings level, you probably will not exceed the 2022 annual limit, so your benefits wouldn’t be affected. But if you get a raise and exceed the 2022 limit, Social Security will want back \$1 for every \$3 you exceeded the limit by the FRA-year rate.

Of course, since the earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age, you might also consider just waiting until your FRA to claim Social Security and completely avoid the earnings test.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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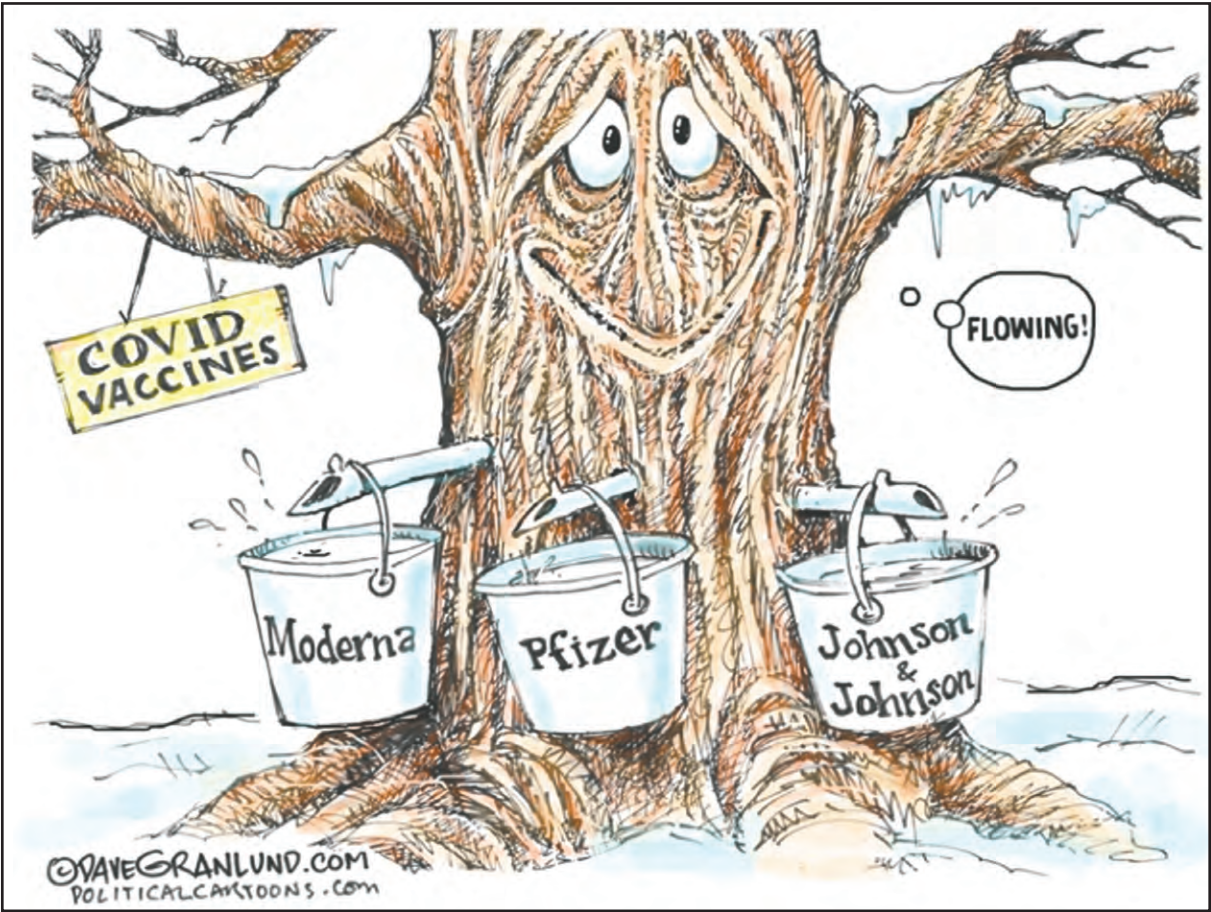
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– Patricia Masten

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In Past Pages

5 years ago (March 24, 2016)

The North Brookfield Savings Bank announces they have recently donated \$500 to Angels and Backpacks, a program dedicated to providing low-income children with food each weekend. The bank also donated 100 reusable grocery totes to pack the food in. The Angels and Backpacks program currently distributes week-end bags of food for children attending Warren Elementary, Hardwick Elementary, West Brookfield Elementary, Brookfield Elementary and Quabog Regional Middle High School with the program slated to expand into Ware Elementary in time for April vacation. The program was introduced and is now self-sustaining at North Brookfield Elementary and Webster Elementary.

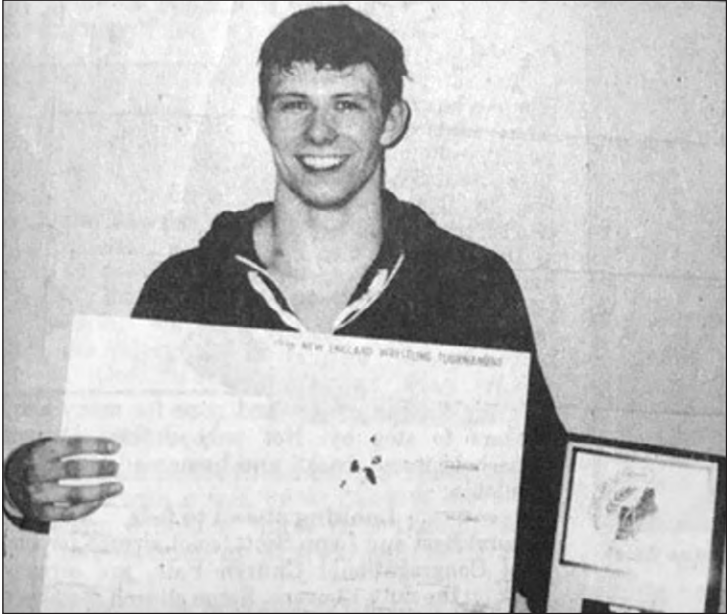
About 110 children along with parents and grandparents came out Saturday morning for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Oakham Congregational Church. Fortunately, the Easter Bunny, who arrived in the police vehicle, had many volunteer helpers. Volunteers donated candy and plastic colored eggs as well as filled the eggs or help “hide” them on the town common, churchyard, library lawn, in front of the town hall and Wright Memorial Field. Children gathered a total of 2,000 eggs containing wrapped candy. The plastic eggs get recycled for the next year, but the children get to bring home the candy in them. Each child got to pick a toy from a large basket as well.

Rutland resident Erica Norquist came through in the clutch for the Wentworth softball team against Massachusetts Maritime Academy last week. The freshman pitcher had a 7-2 lead in the top of the seventh, but MMA had runners at second and third with one out, but she was able to end the game with a foul out and a strikeout to preserve the victory. Norquist improved to a 4-2 on the season as she allowed a pair of runs (one earned) on five hits and struck out nine batters in the win. Norquist also had the win in the first game of a doubleheader against Franciscan on March 11. She went five innings in that contest, allowing two runs on six hits. Norquist had no walks or strikeouts.

10 years ago (March 17, 2011)

The “Frozen Assets” building in Hubbardston has tipped some, but is has not fallen through the ice yet. People that purchased “sink” dates from the Hubbardston Business Association are now waiting for the warmer weather to melt the ice and send the building into the water. Although ice fisherman are seen out on the ice, people should avoid

LOOK BACK
Wrestling Champ - 1996



Dan Medford, New England wrestling champion, holds a chart with the tournament results along with the plaque he was awarded.

venturing out on the ice now, as it may not be safe and they could fall through.

The parking lot of the Petersham Curling Club was full and cars were lined up on the street this past Sunday, thanks to the growing popularity of the Petersham Lions curling tournament. The event is an all-day affair at which sixteen four-member teams compete for first place. Many of the teams are from area Lions clubs, including Winchendon, Leominster, Gardner (two teams), Petersham, Bolton, Paxton, Templeton (two teams) and Ware. Teams from the Casella and Soucy families and Smith Middle School also participated. Proceeds from the tournament or bonspiel as curlers traditionally call it, will benefit the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund (MLERF). Petersham Lion John Magnino began what has become an annual event to support the fund in 2008. The MLERF is the primary statewide project of Massachusetts Lions District 33. All money donated to MLERF is used for eye research projects only. No administrative expenses are paid out of these donations and all grants awarded for eye research projects within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Lions Zone 4 Chairperson Helen O’Brien awarded this year’s first place trophy to Bolton team members Bharti Patil, Randall Porteus, Warren Shelales and Amparo David.

The Oakham Council on Aging (COA) hosted a Mardi Gras celebration at the Oakham Senior Center last Thursday. Revelers

were attired in various shades of purple, green and gold and adorned by all different types of Mardi Gras paraphernalia and masks. People received Mardi Gras beads to wear and to keep. The menu included: hors d’oeuvres of mini quiches and pizza rolls and a lunch of New Orleans Jambalaya. The COA provided a special dessert buffet consisting of the traditional King Cake, a triple chocolate cake, cream puffs, pecan tarts, mini cheesecakes and more from which each could choose as many as he/she wished. Lisa Huntington of Gardens by Lisa donated potted tulips to help decorate the tables. These and other Mardi Gras bud cases were raffled off at the end of the celebration.

25 years ago (March 14, 1996)

Dan Medford was a youngster about 4 or 5 years old when he got his first chance to wrestle, playing a game with his younger brother and father they called “Dinosaur.” “It was really unorganized,” Dan said, “just a way for my brother and me to have fun with my dad. By the time I was 7 or 8, the game got too rough and we didn’t play anymore.” Remembering these fun times, Dan looked forward to his first wrestling clinic as a sixth grader anxious to be a member of the Quabbin junior varsity team when he became a seventh grader. His teacher Dona Lapati’s sons were wrestlers and this, too, encouraged him to go to the clinic. “That’s really what got me interested,” Dan said. “At the clinic, the coaches taught us a few moves and I knew I wanted to learn more about the sport.” Dan set a goal to win the Division III state championship and realized his goal early in his career. This year Dan, a junior at Quabbin, was first in the Sectionals, Northern Division, first in Division III States, first in All-States and went on to become the New England champion. This qualifies him to compete in the

Letter to the Editor

Historical society thanks fire department

On behalf of the officers, directors and membership of the Barre Historical Society, I would like to publicly thank and commend the Barre Fire Department for their prompt and professional response to our recent emergency. The conduct, attitude and skill of the responding team were exemplary. As a community, we are fortunate to have such a high-caliber department protecting our lives and property. We are proud of them, we are grateful to them and we are honored by their service.

W. R. Bentley
President
Barre Historical Society

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
Yesterday I had a fun day although I am not quite sure Missy would call it a fun day after picking up everything. It seems someone had brought a box of one inch wooden blocks for the grandchildren to play with. I was curious about them and proceeded to pull them out of the little box. They slide along the carpet fine and after a while of playing with them I was down to one block. I had three under the rocking chair, two under the TV table, one under the music cabinet, two under the magazine rack and several more under the couch. I was unable to fish them out from under the couch with the flap of the couch cover hiding them and my arm just wasn’t long enough.

I think those blocks will probably have to stay there until the cleaner comes as Missy won’t see them. She is very busy at her sewing machine today and doesn’t know what I am into.

After getting bored with that I sauntered out into the kitchen and remembered that in the corner by the door there was a bucket that held pinch nose clothespins and three walking canes. I thought I would pull out a few pins to play with in the kitchen. I had two out when disaster befell me. The bucket tipped and down came the three canes, which were wedged in the corner of the kitchen. Woe is me.

They didn’t hurt me much, but I was unable to get out from under them before Missy came rushing out of the sewing room to see what happened. Thus, I had to suffer another tongue lashing from Missy. Of course, I really deserved it, but didn’t enjoy her tone of voice. I really didn’t think I was going to get into trouble with that little caper, but I guess no one knows ahead of time.

Love,
Gertrude



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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

March came in like a lion and hopefully goes out like a lamb. I can't wait for warmer weather.

A distant relative of mine sent me her family tree with all kinds of pictures of the family on it so I spent last Saturday just copying pictures and including the genealogy into my notebooks. What a treasure to have.

I will send her some of my immediate family pictures. I had sent her lots of pictures of early relatives.

Ken and I both got our second vaccine shots and will wait two weeks for it to become effective like the nurse told said. I only had a sore arm for three days.

Both of our daughters are teachers and getting the vaccine. Appointments are hard to get but one of the girls got up early in the morning and was able to get one.

I have really enjoyed the recipe book, which was published by

the Heywood Hospital in Gardner. Here is a recipe from the book, I plan to make with some hamburger I bought.

MEAT LOAF MEAL

1 1/2 lbs. hamburger

2/3 cup milk

1 or 2 eggs

2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/3 cup bread crumbs

1/4 cup ketchup

Mix above together. Peel and slice 3 potatoes and 3 onions. Peel and quarter lengthwise 3 carrots. Arrange in a rectangular pan, onions, potatoes and carrots. Keep repeating in that order around the meatloaf. The meatloaf should be shaped into an oval. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for one hour,

This and That

It takes courage to stand alone, but that's the way we learn to walk.

Fretting is like a rocking chair, you can do a great deal of agitating

in it without getting anywhere.

When you make something like a soup that is too salty, cut a raw potato and put into the soup and discard the potato after it is cooked.

I got a new supply of blank watercolor cards so I can work on making some more.

I'm still working on a list of districts and areas of Hubbardston and have over 30 listed so far. There are still a couple, I have not been able to find where they are. Blood Swamp is one that was in Rutland near Barre Falls but maybe it extends to Hubbardston also.

Another one I can't find is Skunk Misery. Does any reader know where that was in Hubbardston?

Have a good week and enjoy the warmer weather coming. I can't wait to get out in the gardens.. There is lots of brush piles to burn once the snow melts.

Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

The Three County Fair, Northampton, closed its office for the winter season and instituted staff cuts and furloughs to help the 202-year-old organization survive the extended shutdown of the fairgrounds due to the COVID-19 health crisis. The cuts will affect each staff member, and includes a fourteen percent salary reduction for senior management and staggered furloughs for all employees. Furloughs could be extended if the fairgrounds are unable to host postponed 2020 events in the spring, which include over a dozen different horse shows from April through October, plus a variety of

concerts and festivals. The Three County Fair entered 2020 on solid ground after completing 2019 as its most successful year since horse racing ended at the fairgrounds in 2005, thanks to a widely attended Labor Day weekend fair, and another full slate of horse shows and festivals. But with reoccurring operational expenses and more than one million dollars in lost 2020 event revenue, the fair will run out of reserves sooner rather than later. The fair received a Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Loan in mid-May, which has since been exhausted and forgiven by its lender and the SBA.

For more information, people may visit www.3countyfair.com.

With the current and near future Covid 19 parameters from the CDC, the Home Builder & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts, along with the Eastern States Exposition, has postponed the March Home Show 2021: the "Original" Western Mass Home and Garden Show to Aug. 20 – 22, 2021. The new date will allow for the utmost personal safety for guest & vendors, allow full building occupancy, and reflect the true show attendance numbers of their past shows

Rutland treasurer/collector announces excise bills due April 1

RUTLAND – The 2021 motor vehicle excise bills were issued March 2 and are due Thursday, April 1.

If residents receive a bill for a vehicle, which they no longer own and need an abatement, they should contact the Board of Assessor's Office at 508-886-4100, extension 3004.

Checks for excise bills should made payable to the Town Of Rutland and be mailed along with

the payment coupon to: Town of Rutland, Dept. 1280, P.O. Box 986500, Boston, MA 02298-6500 or pay online by going to www.townofrutland.org and following the link to Pay Bills Online and then Tax Collector Online Payments.

There is also a secure payment drop box located just outside the front of the treasurer/collector's office at 250 Main St. where you can place your check or money

order with the payment stub. There is no need to come into the office if people are paying by check. The cancelled check is their receipt.

People may pay by cash at the Treasurer/Collector's office in the Community Hall at 250 Main St.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Masks are required in the building. People may contact the office at 508-886-4103, option 1 with any questions.

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Sizer said the town's first and only vaccine clinic for ages 75 and older went well. The town found out from the state it could not hold any more clinics as the state switched to large vaccination sites. She said Rutland proved it could handle 750 vaccinations per day five days per week, but at this time, it did not have sufficient vaccine supply. She said residents eligible for vaccination should contact the Barre Board of Health for assistance.

Town administrator wage authorization

Selectmen approved a wage authorization for town administrator Jessica Sizer. She recently obtained her procurement certi-

fication. The board withheld part of her salary until she received certification. Her current salary was \$74,000 and would now be \$77,130 until June 30.

Tents

The town administrator said the tents arrived today (March 1) and were at the Department of Public Works. Selectman Urban suggested holding this year's town meeting outside, check with the school now about using it and set up a plan for location of the tents.

Conservation Commission appointment

Selectmen received notice from the Conservation Commission to change Kurt Wells because of health issues form full member member to alternate member and Frank Larange from alternate to

full member. Selectman Urban said there were several members on both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and he recommended seeking applicants for the full-time member. The other selectmen agreed.

Other business

Selectmen voted to approve a common victualler license renewal for Becky's Bistro on Exchange Street. They also received an application for change of manager for Coldbrook RV Resort to Robert Belland. The resort still owed back taxes so selectmen voted to table its seasonal licenses until the real estate taxes were paid. The board unanimously voted the use of South Common for the Barre Farmers Market from May 1 to Oct. 31.

about two inches into the trunk. "A good tree will fill a gallon a day," he goes on. "The pails most farmers use are bigger at the top than at the bottom so they're easy to empty when the sap freezes." The milk jugs serve him fine – no problem with freezing.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Butler of Church Street, Gardner, former Hubbardston residents, were guests of honor at a party given by their children in Westminster at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Hall, commemorating the couple's 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Butler is the former Ethel May Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy F. Wilbur of Oakham were presented with two messages from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan last week. One message was from Nancy and Ronald Reagan congratulating the Wilburs on the 65 years of marriage. The second was from President Reagan to Percy Wilbur congratulating him for having received the "Man of the Year."

and spices and explained what each one was used for. She also showed many unusual kitchen gadgets. To end the visit, the girls were all treated to a sample of hot cappuccino. The second phase to earning this badge was visit by Venerable Man Shing, a Buddhist monk living in Barre. During her visit, the girls assisted her in making a "delicious," authentic Chinese stir-fry. They learned all about the exotic vegetables that are used in Chinese culture.

38 years ago (March 17, 1983)

Peter Wartianinen Jr.'s sixty-five-acre spread on Old Hardwick Road in Barre is mostly in the woods; you can easily miss it if you're not following directions.

Peter produced a little maple syrup on his farm and invited our writer to assist him. "I save a lot of money using these milk jugs," he said. "I buy from a friend of mine, who has a spring on his property. He's in the business of selling fresh spring water in the cities." While he's talking, he drives a wood bit

Finance committee works on FY 22 budget

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – The finance committee went over some department budgets at its Feb. 18 meeting.

They met with treasurer/collector Alex Haggerty. He said his dues/meeting line item increased as he and his newly hired assistant planned to take classes at UMass Amherst this summer. He said the state was not sure if the classes would be in person or webinar. If they were in person, he would stay at the school rather than travel back and forth.

Haggerty said excise taxes would be going out March 1 and he would send out reminders next week to those, who owed outstanding real estate taxes. He said there were 80 parcels outstanding for 2019, 2020 and 2021. He said the number was "too high" and he would like it reduced to 20 to 30. He said tax liens were filed with the registry of deeds, advertised in the newspaper and included tax title fees.

Wachusett Greenways

A volunteer from the non-profit Wachusett Greenways discussed its request for a small donation usually about \$1,000 from each of the

towns along the stretch of trails along the Mass. Central Railroad, which runs from Sterling to the Ware River in Barre. She said the donations helped keep the trails mowed and clear. She said recently the group changed the grade of a section of trail in Holden to make it wheel chair accessible. She also said some towns have helped with trail construction. She said East Quabbin Land Trust was doing a lot of trail construction in Hardwick. Eventually, the rail trail will go from Boston to Northampton.

Selectmen's budget

Town administrator presented the selectmen's proposed FY 22 budget. She said she was waiting on numbers for insurance and the Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center. She said she reduced line item amounts, which were spending less than budgeted, to free up the money to use elsewhere. She said the public safety building would receive a savings of about \$4,000 per year in energy cost because of the installation of donated solar panels. She increased the postage line item. She said this was probably the last year James Baird would continue as town counsel and there would be

a significant increase in cost when he retired. She said the town's labor counsel was on a monthly retainer. She said the contract with the attorney doesn't cover the cost of going to court.

COVID update

Sizer said the town would be getting more Federal Emergency Management Agency public assistance money. She said there would be large expenditures at this time out of the CARES Act. She said the vaccine clinic held in Barre administered 211 doses and those people would get their second dose. She said there would be no additional town clinics as the state went to large sites, which could administer 750 doses per day.

Software

The town administrator said the discussion by selectmen on different software in the treasurer/collector's office and the town accountant's was lengthy and the board did not come to a decision. She said they did not want to make a change mid-year.

Claire Adomaitis, chair of the finance committee, said the finance committee was in favor of the town accountant keeping the software she currently uses for the next fiscal year.

Hardwick Board of Selectmen notebook

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen met on Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams.

Police union contract

Board of Selectmen Chair Kenan Young asked if Officer Ryan Gentile would be joining the meeting. Town Administrator Theresa Cofske said he was unable to attend, but had submitted documentation for the board to review.

Cofske said Gentile requested an executive session to discuss the Hardwick Police Department union contract negotiation. The board will hold an executive session on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m.

HES kitchen steamer replacement

The school district informed the board that their combi-oven kitchen steamer at Hardwick Elementary School needed to be replaced. The district is willing to pay for the item plus labor in

the amount of \$18,151.52 out of their funds, and asked the town to put that amount on an upcoming special or annual town meeting for reimbursement. The board approved the motion to authorize this purchase and place the expense on an STM or ATM for reimbursement.

Election warrant approved

The Annual Town Election warrant was approved. The Annual Town Election will be held on April 12, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Hardwick Elementary School.

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clubs' activities and accomplishments.

At the conference, the Barre Lions were singled out to receive the prestigious "Club Excellence Award." Only four clubs received this honor for service project excellence this past year. The BLC made significant donations of school supplies and PPE to the Ruggles Lane School and donated significant food and monies to the Barre Food Pantry. They applied for a grant and donated high quality face shields to the Barre Police and Fire Departments. They also worked with the South Barre Common Committee to restore and install lampposts in Nornay Park. The St. Francis of Assisi Parish prepared and packaged over 100 turkey dinners for the elderly and the needy

for Christmas. Members of the BLC along with members of the community fanned out and helped deliver them.

The BLC was severely hindered in its fundraising efforts in 2020, and was forced to cancel its Annual Car Show on the Town Common. The club still managed to accomplish many of its goals. At the conference, The Barre Lions Club reported support of over twenty different funds and causes. Among them were The Mass. Lions Eye Research Fund, Lions Club International, Perkins School For the Blind and the District 33A SightMobile, the Youth Speech Contest, and The Audio Journal, to name a few.


The BLC will receive a "Club Excellence patch" that will be added to its club banner. Lion Barry Alman also received a "Kindness Matters Certificate of

Recognition" from District 33A Governor Denise Andrews

The Barre Lions Club works very hard to serve its community and appreciates the recognition that it has received. None of this could be accomplished without the support of local residents and local businesses.

The Barre Lions Club is here to serve Barre and the local area. The Barre Lions Club is welcomed its two newest members, Steve and Susan Clark, who were sponsored by Geoff Yaglou and were sworn in at its last meeting. The BLC lives by the motto: Where there is a need, there is a Lion. The Barre Lions Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month. If people have a question, need information or wish to contact the Barre Lions Club, feel free to call Jean Alman at 978 355-2720 or president Joe Petracone.

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This week’s mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, March 15. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Barbar Kempski, Evelyn Luukko, Joan Raymond, Bruce Towner and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. Last week’s photo was the former was the cemetery behind the New Braintree Congregational Church in the center of New Braintree.

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weather becomes too hot. Planting will resume September through early November when the weather cools. Caring for the trees is a commitment, but it is as simple as just adding water. EQLT is working with a professional arborist to educate property owners on how to care for their new trees.

“The most important thing is to give the tree 10 to 15 gallons of water a week during growing season for the first two years. It’s important people know that trees need lots of water when they are getting established and the rainfall just isn’t enough,” Henshaw said. She added that property owners will

also receive a two-page instructional on how to care for their tree.

According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Ware is ranked first in the “Asthma Capitals” of Massachusetts. In a press release announcing the grant, EQLT stated “Trees directly remove pollutants from the air around them, absorbing gases and pollutants through their respiration and by catching particulate matter on their leaves and branches.”

EQLT said they will work with Ware community service organizations such as Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center, Community Health Network Association members and others, along with departments and staff of the town of

Ware, the school district and other community members, to determine the best locations for tree planting.

“The goal of the project is to plant as many of the trees on residential, school, playground and park locations as possible, along with other venues that provide overall community benefits,” the press release stated.

The grant also covers the hiring of seasonal laborers to assist the arborist in planting the trees. They are currently accepting applications for these positions and an application form can be found at eqlt.org. Interested applicants can contact EQLT at 413-477-8229, leaving their name and phone number and Henshaw will contact them.

Haston library receives grant

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., received a Virtual Programming for Distance Learning grant of \$1,660 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The library will use this grant to explore the theme, “Preserving our Memories,” through workshops for adults and children, such as digital scrapbooking, memoir writing and art journaling. Librarian Amy Hietala, of Old Sturbridge Village, will present a program on the diaries and journals found

in the village’s collection. Finally, the library will create a video documenting North Brookfield citizens’ responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this project the Haston Library encourages the community to record their life experiences and add to the historic record.

The Haston Free Public Library’s grant is one of \$54,900 in 20 grants to libraries across the commonwealth through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES, Act funding distributed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. These grants are

designed to help the recipients with remote and virtual programming during the coronavirus pandemic.

This is the second round of grants supporting remote and virtual programming, following the 27 grants totaling \$72,461 awarded last July.

“Libraries have done an incredible job adapting to virtual and remote programming for residents throughout the pandemic,” said MBLC Director James Lonergan. “These grants continue to support this great work and bring vital programming for everyone in Massachusetts.”

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zone would be ideal. Tripp said the highway department would have to remove one curbing to make it more accessible. DPW Superintendent Jason Benoit said he could have signs made and paint the area. Kiley said they should also reserve two parking spots for use by Cuddy Insurance Agency customers during business hours. Cuddy Insurance Agency could then put up a sign alerting people that the parking is for customers only.

The board approved the use of Maple Street as an unloading zone for delivery trucks, removal of curbing in the unloading zone, a strict enforcement of the two-hour parking limit for Main Street/North Main Street (letters will be sent to all businesses) and the authorization to allow Cuddy Insurance Agency the use of two parking spots during business hours.

Tripp said police should also be enforcing the “no left turn” into those angled parking spots, as the drivers should not be crossing a double yellow line. The board made a motion and approved the enforcement of “no left turn” into angled parking on Main Street. Tripp said he hopes that the board’s actions will help ease some of the concerns with traffic and parking, which residents voiced at the Planning Board hearing.

CARES Act funds

Administrative Assistant Ashley Barre presented requests for CARES Act money from the school for speech therapy in the amount of \$624.97. Barre also presented old requests for CARES Act funds which included: Fire Department, \$1,800 for repairs to turnout gear; Haston Free Public Library, approximately \$800 for Zoom subscription and an air purifier; Senior Center, \$3,248 for computers. The library also put

in a request for two additional air purifiers.

Kiley said these requests would put the town’s CARES Act fund balance at \$5,170. Kiley said they will need to use these funds for vaccine clinics. He said that Board of Health member Trevor Bruso expects clinic costs to be around \$2,400. Kiley suggested holding off on approving the two additional air purifiers until they knew what their costs would be. They approved all the expenses except for the library’s request for additional air purifiers. The board agreed to wait to approve the library’s second request.

Transfer of money

Selectmen approved the transfer of money from the Salem Gift Fund to pay for the North Brookfield EMS insurance.

COVID-19 updates

Kiley said as of Saturday, Feb. 27, North Brookfield had no active COVID-19 cases in town, but as of the time of their meeting they had five. Kiley said Bruso is working very hard and doing a good job getting people vaccinated. Kiley asked residents to please answer and respond to Board of Health inquiries about receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. Kiley said Bruso is trying to get a mobile vaccination clinic to come to North Brookfield.

Insurance Advisory Committee

The committee met on Feb. 16 and they agree to renew the town’s health insurance with Fallon at a 4.5 percent increase, which was less than the other quotes they received. The board approved the committee’s decision.

LCC grant

Barre said the town’s Cultural Council received a grant in the amount of \$5,900. Kiley said Barre could be an authorized signer for the grant.

CDBG grant

The Senior Center, Town of North Brookfield, Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging, are working with the town of Leicester to hand out personal hygiene packages to eligible

seniors in North Brookfield. The Senior Center will receive 35 packages a month to distribute.

Public Comment

Resident Brandon Avery said that a new book came out on Rufus Putnam and the author would come out and do a book signing at a suitable venue. Town Administrator Tara Flynn read from the book’s forward crediting Avery for his assistance with providing information on behalf of the North Brookfield Historical Society.

Avery also brought up the future of the historical society museum. He said he likes the idea of using space in the Town House. Tripp said they cannot touch the Town House. Barre said she has been doing research and it seems that they cannot open the space until it is fully renovated. She said the whole building must be up to code, and the Massachusetts Historical Society must approve the plan to ensure its architectural accuracy to that time period. Some of the work needing to be done includes a sprinkler system, HVAC system and an elevator. Tripp said he would be “all for it” but right now their hands are tied. Kiley said they can earmark that space for the museum.

Opening of town offices

Kiley said the state will be moving to Phase 4 on March 22, and asked Flynn if town employees wanted to open town offices to the public. Flynn and Barre said it would make their lives a little easier if they did. The board moved and approved to follow the state guidelines as far as re-opening.

Police boat

A resident on Lake Lashaway has allowed the use of his dock for the police boat. They Police Department is researching what kind of boat they need in order to start fundraising. Several donors have come forward offering to help fund the purchase of the boat.

The meeting moved to executive session just after 7 p.m.

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Skowyra headed for UNE

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—One of the places that Shea Skowyra enjoys to vacation with his family is Maine.

Skowyra, a senior at Quabbin Regional, will be spending a lot more time in the Pine Tree State during the next four years. He will be a freshman at the University of New England, which is located in Biddeford, Maine, next fall and is planning to be a member of the Nor'easters men's basketball team next winter.



Skowyra had the opportunity to play an abbreviated season with his teammates at Quabbin last month.

"The University of New England was definitely one of the school's that I was interested in attending and it was an awesome feeling when I heard back from them telling me that I've been accepted," Skowyra said. "I've vacationed in Maine with my family and it's a very nice area. My family will be able to come watch me play basketball, which is a very important thing to me."

Shea's biggest supporters have always been his parents (Briana and Tom) and his older brother (Tucker).

Skowyra, who lives in Hardwick, was one of the seven seniors on the Quabbin boys' varsity basketball team this past season. He was a co-captain along with senior Brendan Whitelaw.

"Two of the hardest working players and focused young men on and off the court," said Panthers head coach Dennis Dextradeur. "They led us to another winning season in an extremely competitive pod. The influence and example they provided was immeasurable and I am looking forward to see them succeed further beyond high school in the goals they have set."

The other Panthers seniors were Ryan Wagher, Devin Pride, Ryan Kowal, Jake Sherblom, and Nick Farrell.

The Panthers, who competed in the Central Mass. Pod 6 this winter because of the COVID-19 pandemic, finished the season with a 6-5 overall record. They lost to top-seeded Oakmont in a Pod 6 semifinal game on February 17.

Skowyra, who's a three-year member of the varsity basketball team, scored 152 points during his senior season. He reached double digits in nine of the eleven games



File photos

Shea Skowyra has signed to play for the University of New England.

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Football season ready to get underway

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – For the first time ever, it will be football season in March and April, and teams will be playing into the warm instead of playing into the cold.

Rivalries will be renewed and the many games local fans love to see will take place over the next two months over the course of a six-week modified schedule.

While football was not played on Thanksgiving, some of the weather teams will play in during the first few weeks will feel like Thanksgiving. And some of the classic Thanksgiving matchups will take place, including Agawam versus West Springfield, Chicopee versus Chicopee Comprehensive, and East Longmeadow versus Longmeadow.

Another big matchup scheduled between smaller schools is a classic rivalry between Palmer and Ware. That game is usually the culmination of the Tri-County League schedule for both teams in the fall, but will be a great way for the two teams to renew acquaintances since no football was played last fall.

Minnechaug will have a full slate of games. Minnechaug has been a strong team in Division 3 the past few years, playing twice in the finals in recent years against powerful Central High School. They will also meet several other rivals, like Longmeadow and East Longmeadow.

Another team that is nor-

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NECBL to bring in video technology to league venues

NORTH ADAMS – The New England Collegiate Baseball League has agreed to a partnership with Synergy Sports to implement the company's innovative video technology into each of the league's ballparks, in addition to adding TrackMan technology to its venues. The two globally renowned products represent the league's grand vision to enhance the preparation and development for each player in every NECBL organization and to provide Major League Baseball (MLB) scouting departments with more access to player data than ever before.

As part of the agreement, each NECBL organization will install a six-camera Synergy Sports setup in their venues to record and log all game action, assisting coaches and student-athletes with game preparation and post-game review. The partnership also provides a teaching tool to allow coaches to work with student-athletes to develop their skills through detailed analysis of practices and games.

NECBL coaching staffs will benefit from the efficiency of the Synergy Sports system, with teams receiving fully tagged footage of games delivered directly into an online platform for detailed analysis. Players will be better equipped to scout and prepare for their opponents, while also being able to analyze and breakdown their own highlights. All 30 MLB scouting departments across the

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Pioneers conclude winter season

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School girls basketball team got off to a late start due to COVID-19 issues, but were able to fit an abbreviated schedule into February, playing in seven games. The Pioneers, unfortunately, went winless in the games, struggling to generate offense in most cases. Pathfinder now has the ability to participate in football in the Fall 2 season.

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Cordelia Hageman starts her way down the court.



Stephanie Koslik looks for a different angle to approach the basket.



The Pathfinder girls basketball team discusses strategy during a timeout.



Cordelia Hageman heads for the sideline on a play.

McDermott balancing variety of roles in 2021

SEEKONK – Whether it's been as a crew chief, spotter, driver, mechanic or in another role, Cam McDermott has built quite the resume in short-track racing. He started his career driving in quarter midgets, quickly moved to the Thompson Speedway Modified division, where he won the championship -- and from there, his career has blossomed in a variety of different directions.

For 2021, McDermott is going to be quite the busy guy once again -- but his preparations for the season includes getting the No. 8 Maybury Material Handling machine ready for competition in the six Tri Track Open Modified Series events. McDermott will be behind the wheel of the family-owned machine to join a talent-filled group of competitors on the Tri Track circuit.

"We're mainly going to focus on the Tri Track stuff this year, transitioning into that after focusing on the Stafford Motor Speedway Open Modified races the last few years," McDermott said. "The competition with Tri Track is always great. I want to go out there and compete against the best -- I love doing that. On the ownership side of Tri Track, with what Wayne (Darling) and Ed (Bennett) are doing, it's good for the racers and the teams."

Outside of driving, McDermott will be working as crew chief for Eddie Harvey Racing on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, with his close friend Woody Pitkat, driving. McDermott is ready to tackle that role after more than a decade working with the legendary Pasteryak family, where he recently was the crew chief for Chris Pasteryak. Back when McDermott was winning races and a championship in the Thompson Modifieds, McDermott was connected with the Pasteryak family, started help-

ing Carl on his car, and from there, became a major part of the operation. During the last decade, he says he completed just about every job there is on a Modified race team, minus maybe being the jackman or gasman on a pit stop. He also has experience working with Woody Pitkat in Pitkat's championship run at Stafford Motor Speedway, and when Pitkat was competing for Buzz Chew Racing on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour as a spotter.

McDermott's driving experience also includes competing in the Lite



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Cam McDermott serves a lot of roles on his racing team.

Modified division at Thompson, where he was the champion, and at Stafford Motor Speedway, where he competed in the SK Light Modifieds and their premier SK Modified division.

And that's just scratching the surface of his resume.

"It just grew from the Thompson Modified days and it got better and better," McDermott said of his relationship with the Pasteryak family. "They are just a great family to be around. Between the Pasteryak family and my dad, I've learned everything I know about racing from them. The Pasteryak's pay

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Education

Quabbin students to participate as 2021 Project 351 Ambassadors

BARRE – Madeline Oliver of Barre, James Geary of Hardwick, Isabel Coviello of Hubbardston, Haley Ayer of New Braintree and Lianna Leger of Oakham have been selected as 2021 Project 351 Ambassadors.

These students join eighth graders representing the Commonwealth’s 351 cities and towns for a transformational year of youth-led service, leadership development and civic engagement. Since its founding in 2011, 4,122 eighth graders have developed the courage and skills to lead change as ambassadors. This year, Project 351’s young leaders will surpass more than one million neighbors positively impacted through their service.

These students were selected by Quabbin Regional Middle School to represent their towns for an inspiring ethic of service and the values of kindness, compassion, humility and gratitude.

“Project 351 is a great opportunity for us to showcase some of our students that are a personification of what it means to ‘Be

Quabbin.’ We select participants that demonstrate kindness and compassion in the school and that have shown leadership qualities that can be applied to bringing positive change in the world. All five of our students that were selected to be part of this year’s Project 351 have demonstrated humility, respect and the strong character needed to be leaders among their peers,” said Steve Nicora, Dean for Student Success.

“Project 351 kicks off our second decade inspired by the compassionate leadership of more than 365 unsung heroes and quiet leaders. At this time of critical community need and increased polarization, Ambassadors’ demonstrate the extraordinary impact realized when we unite in common cause,” said Carolyn Casey, executive director and founder of Project 351.

Ambassadors are currently engaged in a four-week Service Leadership Academy to build the knowledge and skills to lead and serve. Highlights include a Community Meeting with First

Lady Lauren Baker and anti-bias anti-discrimination training through the Playbook Initiative, a partnership with the Boston Celtics.

On Sunday, March 7, Ambassadors celebrated the official start of their service year at a virtual “Launch” featuring remarks from Governor Charlie Baker and honoring the legacy of Civil Rights hero and Congressman John Lewis. Launch included the introduction of the Class of 2021 and messages of congratulations from leaders including Senator Ed Markey, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and former Governor Deval Patrick.

Launch marks the start of ten months of community-building and transformational service in support of high-impact nonprofit partners including Cradles to Crayons, Hope and Comfort, Wonderfund, and hundreds of food pantries across the state.

Founded in 2011, Project 351 fosters unity and strengthens the ethic of service through the engagement and enrichment

of an eighth-grade Ambassador from every city and town in Massachusetts. Annually, Ambassadors - who exemplify the values of kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude - are selected to engage in a transformative year of youth-led service. Through Project 351, Ambassadors gain skills for a lifetime of service, strengthen the ethic of civic engagement, and scale service impact to address the causes and consequences of poverty. In 2021, Ambassadors will mark one million neighbors served. Project 351 is funded entirely by the private sector and individuals. Its mission is made possible by the generosity and civic engagement of private sector and civic leaders including the Martin Richard Foundation, John Hancock, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Mabel Louise Riley Foundation, Michael T. Carmen and Pamela Lederer, The HYM Investment Group LLC, The Foundation To Be Named Later, Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation, and media partner WBZ-TV.

Quabbin Regional School District to hold kindergarten registration

Registration is now open for all children, who reside in the Quabbin towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham, who will be five years old on or before Aug. 31.

Registration forms may be downloaded from the QRSD website at www.qrsd.org, completed and returned to: Kindergarten Registration, QRSD Educational Support Center, 872 South St., Barre, MA 01005. Paper cop-

ies may also be picked up at their home school or the Educational Support Center. Virtual “Welcome to Kindergarten” nights will be scheduled for the week of April 12. To receive that link, people may email Jessica Bennett at jbennett@qrsd.org. All registration forms, including birth certificate and proof of residency must be returned by Friday, May 7, 2021. Parents and guardians may call 978-355-4668, extension 8500 with questions.

Quabbin Class of 1910 to hold 50th reunion in October

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Class of 1910 will be having its 50th Class Reunion Saturday, Oct. 23. The actual 50 year date was postponed due to COVID. The event is scheduled to take place at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge. The reunion will include a social hour, and dinner. Overnight accommodations are available at discounted rates.

More details will be forthcoming. Organizers are searching for classmates. A preliminary interest/opinion letter was sent out the early spring, 2020. Classmates who did not receive one should contact Margo Petracone at westwindfm@aol.com or 978-621-9812. Also, anyone who may be helpful in finding classmates or providing information should call or write.

Ryan Malkowski completes intensive research project at WPI in Albania

WORCESTER – Ryan Malkowski of Hubbardston, a member of the class of 22 majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team, which recently completed an intense research project titled Understanding the Market for Culinary Tourism in Albania with Albania Project Center.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete

a research-driven, professional-level project, which applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. Nearly 90% of students typically complete a project in collaboration with partners in communities across the country and around the world, through the university’s 50-plus project centers. Students usually travel to the project center for seven-week terms; this fall, however, due to the glob-

al coronavirus pandemic, they worked remotely, using video conferencing and other technology to complete their projects. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

Western New England University announces president’s and dean’s lists

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University announces president’s and dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester.

Local students making the president’s list are: Kyle Skerry of Barre, a business analytics and information management major; Michael Desjardins of Ware, an electrical engineering major;

Scott Senecal of Ware, a creative writing major; Megan

Sidur of Ware, a civil engineering/environmental engineering concentration major and Jo-Anne Muldoon of Hubbardston, a business major. To qualify for the president’s list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.80 or higher.

Local students making the dean’s list are: Alicia Ayala of Ware, a social work major; Kristina Bullock of Ware, an accounting major; Emma Harper of Ware, a secondary education/

biology major; Brendan O’Brien of Ware, a finance major; Bryce Thompson of Ware, an accounting major; Ryan Wawro of Ware, a sport management of major; Logan Barrett of Petersham, a Doctoral candidate in pharmacy; Travis Lanpher of Hubbardston, a health sciences major and Emma Schultz of North Brookfield, a biology major. To qualify for the dean’s list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.30 or higher.

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that he played in. He scored a season-high 19 points in 61-43 home win versus Gardner in the second game of the season. All of the Pod 6 teams faced each other twice during the same week.

Skowyr played for the junior varsity basketball team as a freshman.

He became a starting forward for the varsity squad the following year.

“I worked really hard during

the summer before my sophomore year,” said Skowyr, who’s 6-foot-5. “When coach Dex told me that I had made the varsity basketball team words really can’t describe how excited I was. I never expected to be one of the starter’s that season because there were guys on the team who I thought were better than me.”

It was also a rebuilding season for the Quabbin boys’ basketball team, who didn’t qualify for the postseason tournament.

As a junior, Skowyr helped Quabbin post a 16-6 overall record.

The Panthers captured the Mid-Wach C League title and were invited to play in the prestigious Clark Tournament. They then advanced to the semifinals of the Western Mass. Division 2 tournament where they lost to Chicopee.

“Shea carried us in a number of games last year. It was a fantastic season for both him and our team,” said Dextradeur, who has seen more than 30 of his players go on and play college basketball. “He’s a hard worker. He’s a great example for the younger players in our program. We’re very proud

that he’ll be playing college basketball next year. It’s been a lot of fun watching him play basketball during the past couple of years.”

Skowyr, who was also a member of the Panthers boy’s cross-country team, gave his thoughts about playing in the postseason tournament for the first time during his varsity basketball career.

“I knew we would be a very good basketball team last year because we had a group of guys who had played together for a couple of years,” he said. “We really wanted to win it all, but Chicopee

was a better opponent than we were. Playing in the postseason tournament for the first time was very exciting.

The Clark Tournament and the MIAA tournament not held this winter because of COVID-19.

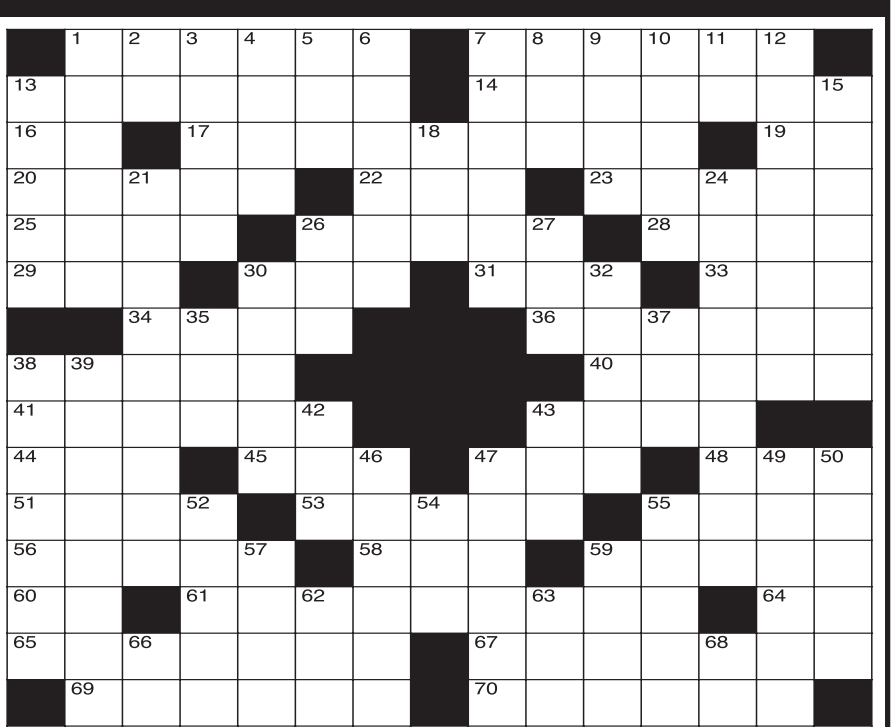
Coach Dextradeur, who recently completed his 41st season coaching basketball at his alma mater, is one of Skowyr’s role models.

“Coach Dex has taught me how to be another coach on the court and he’s definitely one of my mentors,” Skowyr said. “I would like to be a basketball coach and an ath-

letic training in the future.”

The U.N.E. men’s basketball coach is Ed Silva, who also coached basketball at Elms College. Silva, who has spent the last nine seasons at U.N.E. has won almost 500 games during his collegiate coaching career.

“Coach Silva was someone that stood out during my recruiting process,” Skowyr said. “He likes to see all of his players succeed and he stays connected with them even after they graduate from college. I already have a good relationship with him.”



- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Large dung beetle
7. Representation of a plan
13. In a fervid way
14. The Book of Psalms
16. Morning
17. Exactly the same
19. About
20. Brown and basmati are two
22. Swiss river
23. Philippine island
25. Expressions of surprise
26. An ant
28. Common Japanese surname
29. Deoxyribonucleic acid
30. Car mechanics group
31. A person's brother or sister
33. Ancient pharaoh
34. Quantitative fact
36. Vividly colored bird
38. Your home has one
40. Organic compound
41. Section at the end of a book
43. Flat tableland with steep edges
44. Criticize
45. Split pulses
47. Brief trend
48. Cool!
51. Purposes
53. Brews
55. Skin condition
56. Pops
58. American air travel company
59. Minute bug
60. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
61. One who rides in your car
64. One of the Gospels
65. City in southern Spain
67. Inquisitive
69. Jean Paul __, author
- CLUES DOWN**
1. An ape or monkey
2. Chemical element
3. Zodiac sign
4. Removes
5. Brew
6. Nickname
7. Architectural structures
8. Trigonometric function
9. Postmodern
10. Henderson and Fitzgerald are two
11. Mountain (abbr.)
12. Landscaping practice
13. Capacitance unit
15. Redirect
18. Hat for women
21. In a way, dressed down
24. Granny
26. Feed
27. Endpoint
30. Indian instrument
32. Bleated
35. Cablegram (abbr.)
37. Root mean square (abbr.)
38. Jellyfishes
39. Individual TV installments
42. Talk
43. More (Spanish)
46. Leaseholder
47. Monetary units
49. Hostility
50. Work stations
52. Linguistics giant
54. Female sheep
55. Calendar month
57. Seasoning
59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey
62. Single Lens Reflex
63. A way to remove
66. Virginia
68. Old English

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

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mally part of the powerful AA Conference is Holyoke High School. Holyoke will renew acquaintances with both Minnechaug and Agawam during the abbreviated football season.

The football season is especially significant for Holyoke because the Knights as a school,

will be participating in an athletic conference for the first time since Oct. 21, when the fall season was cut short in the city because Holyoke entered its third straight week of being in the red, high-risk for COVID-19 spread category. At that point, Holyoke officials stopped playing off all sports, cancelling the remainder of the fall season. Holyoke remained in the red category due to the second surge for four

months, and officials cancelled the winter season while other schools in the red chose to participate in the basketball, hockey, and swimming season.

Holyoke finally went into the yellow two weeks ago, and green-lighted the Fall 2 season, allowing football, girls volleyball, unified basketball, and cheerleading to take place. The Knights are currently scheduled to play in the second week of

the season, on March 26 against Minnechaug. The Knights are not currently scheduled for a Week 1 game.

The rest of the schedules are on miaa.net for most teams. The football season is set to conclude at the end of April, so teams can move into the abbreviated spring season, which will go from early May to the very end of June.

There will be no playoffs for the football season.

RACING, continued from page 7

attention to every single detail. It’s such a great atmosphere to be able to learn from them and now transition it into my own car. I’ve been able to take everything I’ve learned and just put it into what’s best for me.”

With experience with the Pasteryak family, and now some offseason time with Harvey preparing for the new season, McDermott feels 2021 might be his best ever behind the wheel. His driving resume speaks for itself, with multiple wins and championships, but he’s lacking something he’s trying hard to get: a win in a Tour-Type Modified. He hopes to end that drought with Tri Track this year.

“It was definitely a learning curve jumping from the SK Modified to the Tour-Type Modified, I think the Tour-Type Modified really suits my style a lot better than the SK does,” McDermott said. “I’m not nearly as aggressive as everyone else to be dominant in the SK. Paying it out of your own pocket, it makes you definitely consider everything. As a family-owned team with my parents, in-laws, and a few close friends and good sponsors helping us out, and all

the experience I have in a variety of different roles, it should be a good year.”

As most others, his goal is to come home with the car in one piece, have a solid run, and continue to build a notebook in hopes of visiting Victory Lane with Tri Track. But he knows the level of talent the Tri Track field will offer in 2021 -- ranging from former series champions to Whelen Modified Tour champions, race winners, rising stars and more, will be tough to compete with. His immediate goal is going to be to qualify for the races, then worry about the rest once the green flag drops.

“I have a lot of experience coming from many different directions. I wouldn’t say that I know everything -- no one does in racing,” McDermott said. “There’s always a learning curve for everyone with new stuff coming out, new technology... but driving-wise I feel like I’m almost there. A good year for me would be to make all of the races, first. There is so much competition, and just qualifying is going to be difficult. If we can get into the races, then get some top-fives, I feel like that would be good. If you can get to the top-five, you can compete for wins.”

Tri Track will visit three of

New England’s historic race tracks -- Monadnock Speedway, Seekonk Speedway and Star Speedway during the season -- and McDermott does have limited experience with all of them, driving previously in Tri Track races, where he does have top-10 finishes.

“I’ve run all three tracks before and I like Star a lot, we always seem to be really competitive there,” McDermott said. “We ran Seekonk at the Haunted Hundred in 2019 and we were competitive until the last lap, when we went through the infield in the middle of chaos in front of us. I like both of those tracks a lot. I still haven’t gotten my hands around Monadnock yet. The one time we went there we were fast, but broke a trailing-arm bracket, so we don’t really know how that day would have ended. My dad grew up at Seekonk -- he ran Street Stocks there and I grew up in the grandstands there. I’m looking forward to running there again.”

Without his parents, in-laws, a few close friends and sponsors like Maybury Material Handling, Douglas Battery, Richard Green Insurance and McDermott Motorsports Services, McDermott wouldn’t be in the position he is now. The support

from his wife -- Lauren -- who raced previously herself, has been a major player in his career. He’s hoping to balance his past experience with his current roles and help himself grow as a driver en route to victory lane in 2021.

“We’re going to enjoy it,” McDermott said. “I was with the Pasteryak’s for all of the years and still ran my own team at the same time, so I think we will be good. I think you learn a lot about the cars and that helps you understand everything a lot better when you’re in a variety of roles like I have been in. I come from an engineering background and I think if you understand everything, the more you do the better you will be at everything.”

“Just being able to get the opportunity to do what I do now is because of all of the people that have supported me in my career. Everyone is always pushing me to be better. All of my experiences have been great and I look to continue on with it this year.”

Registration for the 2021 Tri Track season is open, and teams can register at TriTrackModifieds.com/team-info. Teams have the option to either sign-up for the whole season or just one single race.

Church News

Local pastors offer sermons

Still No Repentance Pt. 1

The Book of Revelation presents-in vivid detail-a future period of cataclysmic judgment that will immediately precede the Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 6-16). This future age will be characterized by unprecedented warfare, famine, plague and affliction, death, astronomical upheaval and beyond. If you thought 2020 was horrific, it will be nothing compared to this time of tribulation.

We could talk at length concerning the divinely ordained disasters that will befall those living in the days preceding the Return of Christ to the earth, but I think the following portion of Scripture highlights how terrible this season shall be for humanity:

Revelation 6:15-17 (NIV)

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of [his] wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

Thus said, the student of Scripture sees something incredible and tragic in the midst of this prophetically-revealed future period: humanity will remain unrepentant before God no matter what transpires. In other words, the people (individually and collectively) will not relent of their evil ways despite the penalty suffered for them! This becomes quite evident in texts like the following:

Revelation 9:20-21

20 The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 16:8-11

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

A great many who will live in the midst of this coming age will not be awakened to repentance no matter what takes place. Despite every attempt of the Lord to stir humanity to a posture of humility before Him (i.e., the purpose of such judgment), there will be those who refuse Him in a spirit of utter defiance. Those given over to their sinful nature will persist despite every awakening attempt of the Lord. How woefully tragic.

Why am I touching upon such a serious and somber topic?

1) This is Informative Concerning the Fallen Condition of Man

In every era of human history-past, present and future-a portion of humanity will persist in the willful rejection of God. Many are resolute in their spiritual stubbornness, hard-heartedness, rebellion, obstinacy, self-deception and pride. They are what the Bible calls "stiff-necked" (Acts 7:51). This is a perilous condition, as the following story illustrates:

"The captain of the ship looked into the dark night and saw faint lights in the distance.

Immediately he told his signalman to send a message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south." Promptly a return message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north."

The captain was angered; his command had been ignored. Thus, he sent a second message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south-I am the captain." Soon another message was received, "Alter your course 10 degrees north-I am seaman third class Jones."

Immediately the captain sent a third message, knowing the fear it would evoke: "Alter your course 10 degrees south-I am a battleship." Then the reply came "Alter your course 10 degrees north-I am a lighthouse."

In the midst of our dark and foggy times, all sorts of voices are shouting orders into the night, telling us what to do and how to adjust our lives. Out of the darkness, one voice signals something quite opposite to the rest-something almost absurd. But the voice happens to be the Light of the World and we ignore it at our peril.

2) This is Informative Concerning the Character of God

The Bible tells us to consider both the "goodness" and the "severity" of God (Rom. 11:22).

God is good in His willingness to extend mercy to the penitent. He is also good in His faithfulness to send prophetic voices that call us to repent. These days many believe that calling people to turn from evil is an unloving act. I suppose the only sin in our culture is calling something sinful! I would reply that calling others to repentance is the most loving thing we can do against the reality that unconfessed sin still leads to judgment (Rom. 3:23, 6:23).

That being said, God is severe in that He can, does and shall execute judgment. He will not compromise His standards to appease our sinful inclinations (cf. Psalm 2). Could we really say that God is good if He was willing to overlook human sin and criminality? Remember that God loves us enough to make a way for our pardon in and through Christ. He also loves us enough to respect our eternal desires. He will not force Himself on those who refuse Him (as articulated by beloved author C. S. Lewis):

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened."

3) This is Informative Concerning Our Current Season

Many of us will admit that 2020-2021 has been a brutal season. You do not need me to delineate the numerous ways this has been a particularly challenging era in history. Yet we must wrestle with the question: "Could the happenings of our generation be a divine attempt to awaken us to a place of genuine repentance?" If so, let us not be like the people addressed above (e.g., stubborn, persistent unto evil and stiff-necked before God). Let us seek the Lord while He may be found, reveling in the forgiveness He has made available:

Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Call me silly, but I believe that God is still faithful to His Word:

2 Chronicles 7:14

14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear

from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon.

Pastor James Foley

New Life Assembly of God
South Barre

Third Sunday of Lent

"Destroy the Temple in Three Days, and I will Raise it!"

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com and Facebook page.

Scripture Reading: John 2 v 13-22

I. Introduction:

It is so easy to listen to someone, and not understand what that person meant. It is easy to go away from the conversation, and have an impression about that person, based upon a misunderstanding, unclear communication, and unless that perception is corrected, we will build an image of that person based upon what we think we know from the conversation. We all find ourselves in situations like that, I can imagine. Our passage shows us how something like this can happen when Jesus arrives at the Temple in Jerusalem.

II. The Temple and Jesus' Messianic Claim Jesus enters the Temple scene at the time of the Passover. The Temple was the center for Jewish life and worship, and the outer court was the place where the offering of sacrifices was made.

When He arrived there, He saw lots of activities, trading, changing of currency from other places and lots of animals, partly for the practice of sacrifice. It upset Him, that the place which should be a peaceful environment for worship, became a noisy place of money trading and sacrifice. You can imagine how surprising and perhaps upsetting His cleansing of the Temple must have been for the Jews. Who is this man, thinking He had the right to do what He did, running us out of our own Temple? "How dare you turn my Father's house into a market?",

Jesus tells them. Jesus' powerful reaction to what He saw, was not just a physical reaction, but a moral and spiritual reaction, says Leon Morris in his book, "The Gospel according to John".

How can this happen at the House of God?

Jesus' claim that this was His Father's house, brought out a reaction from the Jews, who, according to Morris, were alarmed by not so much that he cleansed the Temple, but that He in their minds, made a Messianic claim. How could He say it is His father's house! Who is this man? They demanded that He give them an authentic sign of His authority by which He acted.

According to Paul in 1 Corinthians 1 v 22, the Jews were seekers after signs and the Greeks were looking for wisdom. We see that play out right here.

III. Destroy the Temple, and I will raise it again in three days.

Jesus was known for not giving signs to those who challenged Him. We see that in Mark

Chapter 8 v 11 when the Pharisees tested Him and asked Him a sign from heaven, "No sign will be given to this generation," he said. In our text, instead of giving them a sign to prove that He is the Messiah, He tells them this, "Destroy the Temple, and I will raise it up again in three days.

One can only imagine the

added shock and confusion those who were gathered must have felt when He said that. Their reaction is as follows, "It has taken 46 years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days? What are you talking about? According to the first century historian, Titus Flavius Josephus the work on the temple was begun in the year 20 - 19 before Christ, and this incident at the temple would have taken place AD 27 or 28, which gives us the 46 years they were talking about. This building was a special and marvelous building, and there were still some renovations that were taking place. How can this man raise up a temple that was destroyed in three days, especially when it took that long to build?"

Jesus, of course, says John, was talking about His Body as the Temple. The word that Jesus used for temple, meant sanctuary, a holy place where God was dwelling. God was dwelling in His Body. When they challenged Him to give them a sign, He gave them a sign, but not in the way they wanted to see it, says Morris. The reference to the temple was about His Body that would be led to the cross, to His death, and would be resurrected on the third day. Jesus' words were prophetic and had a double meaning which was confusing for those at the temple. It went over their heads, so to speak. They could not understand His language.

So, what is Jesus doing here? Firstly, He is addressing the chaos at the Temple, the House of God, which is supposed to be a place of worship, where God is dwelling. Secondly, He is also

trying to redirect the focus of the Jews from the physical temple to Himself, whose Body is the temple of God. It is not clear that He succeeded in doing that though. Thirdly, He shuts down the challenge they put to Him to perform a miracle to prove His authority, by speaking words they didn't understand, but will hear about once He would rise from the dead. Finally, Jesus emerges as the Son of God, at the House of God, with the hope that they will recognize Him as the One who was sent by God to bring salvation to all people.

IV. Conclusion

While the temple for the Jews was a special place and meaning, we too look at our church in a very special way. The church is the place where much activity happens. It is a place dear to us.

The sanctuary, the fellowship hall, our offices, children's room all have a special place for us.

We would not use the church for the kinds of things that would upset Christ, I would imagine.

I am wondering what Jesus would say to us during a time like this. How would His answer to the Jews be translated into our day with our own challenging questions, uncertainties, and desires about our church building? Would He tell us to destroy the church building and He will raise it up again in three days? I do not think so. Maybe He will use another metaphor, which we too would not understand. I do think though, that He would speak to us in a language that will refocus our attention on Him, especially during a time like Lent, where we must walk the journey of suffering with Him. I also think that He will give us a message of hope, because He Himself had been raised from the dead, so as we pray and sing and turn our hearts to Him, yielding our souls to the One who would die, but be resurrected again, we will see the light, the direction that God wants us to go.

I pray that Christ will speak to us in a language that does not have a double meaning, but that gives clarity during a time like this.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser

Barre Congregational Church

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

Osborne, Mason
Died: Feb. 27, 2021
Calling Hours March 13 from 12:15-1:15 p.m.
Pillsbury Funeral Home, Barre

Sutherland, Rita
Died: March 4, 2021
Services are Private

Mason Osborne, 27

OAKHAM – Mason Osborne, 27, passed away due to an overdose on Feb. 27, 2021, after struggling with addiction for many years. If love and care could heal, Mason would be here with us. We are heartbroken. The family sends our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and healthcare professionals, who provided support and encouragement during Mason's attempts to overcome this illness.

Mason was the oldest of four brothers. Mason and his twin brother Dylan were inseparable during childhood, going on adventures and building forts and tree houses in their grandmother's backyard. He was fiercely loyal and protective of his family and his friends, especially his brothers, Dylan, Peyton and Damian.

Mason was generous, charming, and had an infectious sense of humor. A graduate from Quabbin Regional High School, Mason was especially talented in mathematics and spent time at Manhattan College in New York studying engineering.

Mason was passionate about many things including Chinese food, biking, and being in nature - especially the calming effect of being near water. Mason collected trading cards



with huge enthusiasm. He was an avid watcher of Japanese anime and had a small but prized sword collection. Mason loved Hayao Miyazaki movies, especially "Howl's Moving Castle" and "Spirited Away." Many of us spent hours watching these movies with him.

Mason's love for his family was always clear, even during some very tough times. We love you Mason. You will always be with us. We miss you terribly, but are happy that you are finally at peace.

Mason is survived by his grandmothers Gail Osborne and Barbara Roy; mother, Kristina Osborne, brothers, Dylan Osborne, Peyton Ortiz and Damian Ortiz; family members, Mandy Osborne, Joshua Osborne, Matthew Osborne, Ellis Traver, Chantel Tom, Jocelynn Bousquet, Everitt Bullard and many friends, who were also Mason's chosen family.

Given serious COVID-19 risks, there will be no public memorial service. Public calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre, MA. To help keep everyone safe, masks and social distancing will be required.

Rita (Perry) Sutherland, 91

Rita Sutherland, 91, went to be with the Lord on March 4, 2021. Born in Gloucester, on Jan. 1, 1930 to the late Joseph F. Perry and Mary (Laurence) Perry. She married Raymond J. Sutherland on Sept. 24, 1949. She graduated Gloucester High School in the Class of 1947.

Rita lived for her family. She loved gardening, tennis and dancing. If there was a dance at Gloucester Fraternity Club, Rita and Ray were there.

Her greatest accomplishment was raising their seven children. She is survived by JoAnne Lane (late husband Stephen), Raymond J. Sutherland, Robert J. Sutherland, Judith A. Sutherland, Jayne A. Carpenter (wife of Bradford), Richard J. Sutherland and Ronald J. Sutherland; grandchildren, Eric Lane (wife Jennifer), Heather Lane, Holly Lane, Nathaniel Lane (wife Shelly), CrystalLee Carpenter (Richard



Haight) and Kyle Carpenter (wife Grace); great-grandchildren, Christina and Brandon Lane, Sgt. Ryan Letendre (wife Kayla), Deanna Boulette, Jasmine, Emily and Noah Lane, Sterling Haight, Ella and Joey Carpenter and great-great-grandchildren, Natalee and Aubree

Letendre.

Rita was predeceased by her siblings, Evelyn Spurling, Lawrence F. Perry, Edith Durden, Margaret Gay, Joseph Perry, Mary Perry and Julia Perry.

Special thanks to Debbie Nicastro for her friendship and the staff at Lahey, Burlington Hospital.

Due to circumstances this year, all services will be private for immediate family. Arrangements are by the Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington St. Gloucester. Online condolences may be given at: www.greelyfuneralhome.com.

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 28
5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued
9:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

Monday, March 1
1:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Williamsville Road – Citation Issued
5:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued
6:25 p.m. Suspicious Package/Letter West Street – Information Taken
10:17 p.m. Fire, Mutual Aid Ambulance Williamsville Road – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, March 3
6:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision Hit and Run Worcester Road – Officer

Spoke to Party
8:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Vernon Avenue – Citation Issued
8:50 p.m. Traffic Safety Old Coldbrook Road – Officer Advised

Friday, March 5
8:33 a.m. Fire Investigation South Street – Transported to Hospital
3:11 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Summer Street – Information Given
10:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity School Street North – Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, March 6
12:34 p.m. Sick/Unknown Old Coldbrook Road – Referred to Other Agency

5:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street – Citation Issued
6:42 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Farrington Road – Transported to Hospital

SOUTH BARRE

Friday, March 5
2:36 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls School Street South – Information Given

Sunday, March 7
12:42 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Cathy Lane – Referred to Other Agency

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of March 1-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 69 building/property checks, 17 directed/area patrols, 12 radar assignments, 8 traffic controls, 9 emergency 911 calls, 1 animals call, 5 motor vehicle stops and 1 motor vehicle accident in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, March 1
1:06 p.m. 911 – Threat Bridge Street – Report Taken
1:24 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Upper Church Street – Transported to Hospital
2:32 p.m. 911 – Welfare Check Brook Road – Officer Handled
2:35 p.m. Phone – Welfare Check Bridge Street – Services Rendered
7:32 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
10:02 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Main Street – Removed Hazard
10:40 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Turkey Street – Officer Handled
11:19 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
11:24 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Old Greenwich Plains Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

11:36 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Old Greenwich Plains Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
11:43 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Thayer Road – Removed Hazard
11:58 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Miner Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
11:59 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Greenwich Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, March 2
5:55 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Upper Church Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
6:18 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Czesky Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
7:46 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Hall Road – Dispatch Handled
9:05 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Mellon Road – Services Rendered
9:23 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Grove Street – Removed Hazard
9:57 a.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Czesky Road – Report Taken
8:48 p.m. Phone – Fire, Other Main Street – Services Rendered

Wednesday, March 3
9:22 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard

Upper Church Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
12:19 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Muddy Brook Road – Report Taken
1:30 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Petersham Road – Services Rendered
2:32 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Old Petersham Road – Transported to Hospital
4:19 p.m. Initiated – Harassment Church Lane – Spoken To

Thursday, March 4
3:05 p.m. 911 – Missing Person High Street – Services Rendered

Friday, March 5
6:42 a.m. Walk-on – Safety Hazard Main Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, March 6
1:12 a.m. 911 – Disturbance Bridge Street – Peace Restored
12:11 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Ridge Road – Services Rendered
8:20 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Main Street – Could Not Located
9:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of March 1-8, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 21 directed/area patrols, 5 radar assignments, 4 traffic controls, 1 emergency 911 call, 1 animals call, 1 motor vehicle stop, 1 fraud and 5 safety hazards in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, March 1
6:15 p.m. Initiated – Fraud

Worcester Road – Investigated
9:49 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Removed Hazard
11:17 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Old Turnpike Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, March 2
4:43 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Unitas Road – Services Rendered
6:20 a.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Taken/Referred to

Other Agency
7:52 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Removed Hazard

Thursday, March 4
4:45 p.m. 911 – Scam Gilbertville Road – Dispatch Handled

Sunday, March 7
5:04 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop West Brookfield Road – Summons Issued

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 28
7:39 a.m. Identity Theft Gardner Road – Report Filed
8:56 a.m. Identity Theft Highbridge Road – Officer Took Call
9:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued

Monday, March 1
10:17 p.m. Fire, Mutual Aid Ambulance Williamsville Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, March 2
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Burnshirt Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Randy Leblanc, 53, South Barre
Warrant
Summons: Randy Leblanc, 53, South Barre
Speeding; License Revoked as HTO, Operate Motor Vehicle With

Wednesday, March 3
3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued
3:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Templeton Road – Citation Issued
5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Michael J. Hallihan, 56, Leicester
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding

Thursday, March 4
5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Gardner Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Saturday, March 6
10:36 a.m. Seizures Old Princeton Road – Transported to Hospital
2:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: William F. Lyons, 59, Hubbardston
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 28
10:34 a.m. Sick/Unknown Flint Road – Transported to Hospital
10:44 a.m. Sick/Unknown East County Road – Transported to Hospital
9:59 p.m. Property Damage Miles Road – Report Filed

Monday, March 1
8:47 a.m. Falls Flint Road – Public Assist
9:16 a.m. Property Damage Campbell Street – Officer Spoke to Party
5:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
Summons: Kaylee Rivera, 22, Worcester
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Number Plate Violation; Registration Sticker Missing

Tuesday, March 2
3:29 a.m. Sick/Unknown Barre Paxton Road – No Transport Required
2:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Elizabeth Lemoine, 55, North Smithfield, RI
Warrant; License Suspended for OUI, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unregistered Motor Vehicle

Wednesday, March 3
12:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning
6:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Main Street – Report Filed
10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: James M. Ward, 46, South Barre
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With (Criminal Subsequent Offense)

2:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Prospect Street – Citation Issued
3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning
4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Glenwood Road – Citation Issued
11:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
11:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Thursday, March 4
12:43 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
2:27 p.m. Trauma Spencer Road – Transported to Hospital
4:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Zahid M. Siddiqui, 37, Boston
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Old Turnpike Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, March 5
5:31 a.m. Serve Warrant Glenwood Road – Services Rendered
Arrest: Joel D. Poulin, 48, Rutland
Warrant
9:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
10:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning
11:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Glenwood Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Autumn L. Shifflett, 26, Fitchburg
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Inspection/Sticker, No
1:48 p.m. Fraud/Forgery East County Road – Officer Spoke to Party
3:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East

County Road – Written Warning
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Vehicle Towed
James C. O'Connell, 50, Worcester
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle
5:29 p.m. Overdose/Poisoning Prescott Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Vehicle Towed
8:43 p.m. Breathing Difficulty Pommogussett Road – Transported to Hospital
9:10 p.m. Sick/Unknown North Brookfield Road – No Transport Required
9:38 p.m. Erratic Operator Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Kathleen M. Currie, 24, Holden
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of

Saturday, March 6
8:42 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Paddock Road – Transported to Hospital
10:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Citation Issued
3:48 p.m. Property Damage East County Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Conor J. Stelmach, 21, Rutland
Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Use Motor Vehicle Without Authority; Vandalize Property c266 §126A; Larceny From Building Motor Vehicle, Larceny of
6:39 p.m. Gunshots Glenwood Road – Referred to Other Agency

Oakham Police Log

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Public Notices

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a **Virtual** public hearing on **Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** requested by Christopher and Kathleen Malloy for a variance for relief from Zoning Bylaw Article VI Table of Dimensional Requirements Section 140-14 in a R-20 Zone for proposed garage at property located at 749 South Barre Road, Assessors Map H, Lot 543. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 35414, Page 55.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the virtual hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA or contact the Boards’ Office at 978-355-5000 ext. 7.

Joshua Smith
Chairman
03/11, 03/18/2021

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Host Community Agreement with High Hawk Farm, LLC
TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 15,**

2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA for the purpose of the second review of an updated and amended Host Community Agreement proposal for a Marijuana Product Manufacturer license at 101 Daunt Road by High Hawk Farm, LLC. A full copy of the Host Community Agreement may be found at **www.townofbarre.com**. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing. This will be a virtual meeting in accordance with orders issued by the

Governor during the current State of Emergency. There will be no in-person attendance by the public. Persons may attend and participate in the hearing by using the online Zoom application at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619781437?pwd=RTk0OHF2b1pMQlZuKnTRQQVZCZ2lrQT09orbycalling+13126266799>. **Meeting ID:** 826 1978 1437, **Passcode:** 458956.

For the Board of Selectmen:
Jessica Sizer
Town Administrator
03/04, 03/11/2021

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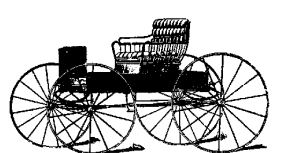
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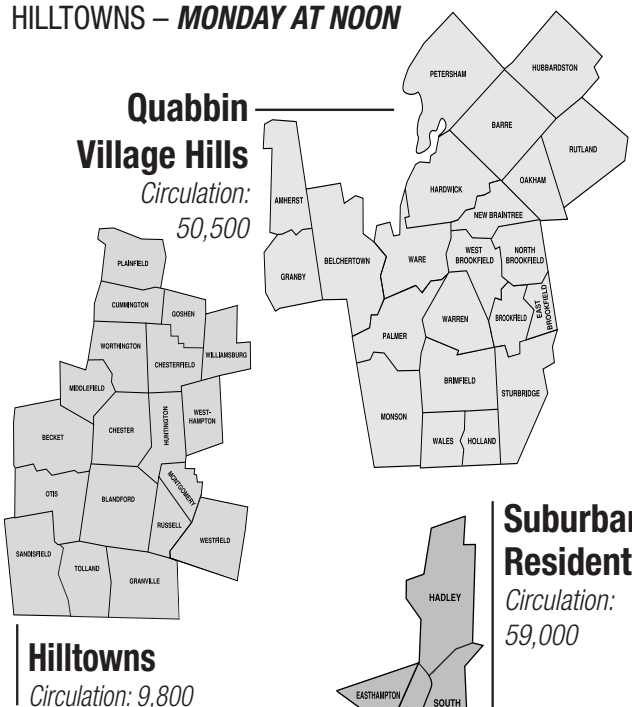
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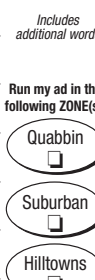
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By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

BARRE – Virtual yoga classes led by West Brookfield resident Beverly Duda, have seen a steady increase in participants over the over the past few months. Duda, a yoga instructor at the Listening Wellness Center, 35 South Street, had an impressive 45 people sign up to take her chair yoga class in January and February. One of her students shared the following testimonial, “It’s been fun and so beneficial to be able to practice yoga with our instructor, Bev, and to join others in a welcoming and nurturing environment. I look forward to every class!” These affordable classes will continue to be offered through

the spring. First time yoga students are always welcome. People participating in these virtual classes will need access to the Zoom app using a computer or tablet (laptop or iPad recommended) or a smart phone.

“Embodyyoga” is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 9:15 via Zoom. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to join Duda as she guides them through yoga movements from the comfort of their home. She utilizes pranayama, asana, meditation, self-inquiry, fun play and more. Duda said, “The journey of an online class has proven to be fun, healthy and a great connection for all of us.” The fees are \$80 for a full, unlimited month, or \$14 for drop-in classes.

“Senior Yoga with Bev” is also offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. via Zoom. Using similar techniques taught in her Embodyyoga classes, Duda incorporates the needs of seniors in this class. “Balance, and level changing from standing to floor work are offered in every class. Chairs, blocks and other supports are offered as needed or as a new way to relate to one’s surroundings and resources. Together slow and steady we can share the joy of aging,” said Duda. The cost is \$5 per class.

“Chair Based Yoga” is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. In this class, students will start learning yoga movements in a chair with a goal of getting

to standing and using the chair as support. “Learning how to use our bodies for getting up and down, balance, and standing with support. Starting where you are, this class will allow us to share the joy, connect with each other all while moving and breathing,” said Duda. The cost is \$5 per class, with a sliding scale available.

For more information or to register for any of these classes, people may visit www.listeningwellness.org, find them on Facebook, email listeningwellnesscenter@gmail.com or call 978-355-3501. If people have any needs or health related concerns they wish to address privately, they may contact Duda directly at yogabev@yahoo.com or 774-262-3662.



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Beverly Duda is shown teaching a virtual chair yoga class.

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